



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

COLENS

Serial No.: 10/009,327

Group Art Unit: 3671

Filed: December 4, 2001

Examiner: Petravick

Title: IMPROVEMENTS TO A
CUTTING ATTACHMENT

April 21, 2003

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2003, please amend the
above application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, beginning at line 7, 3rd ¶, amend to read as follows:

Care of golf "practice courses", where players do their training and practice their "drive", is difficult using conventional means. In fact, practice courses are covered with balls driven in practice by players and all balls have to be picked up to allow mowing, to prevent balls from being damaged and mowers from being jammed. Further, players have to stop any practice when lawns are mowed, to prevent any injury to the personnel, and this considerably limits the use of the practice course.

Page 2, beginning at line 4, amend to read as follows:

While this system has certain advantages, it is not suitable to mow a golf practice course in view of the damage it causes to balls lying in the grass. Thus, even though the blades are retractable, they can come in contact with balls and cause damage to them. Tests have been done by varying the cutting height, but balls remain a little suspended